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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP 12TH CONSULTATION LEVEL MEETING; POLITICIZ-
ATION DEBATE

REF: A) GENEVA 699; B) STATE 17162

1. POLITICIZATION ISSUE (CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM IV (A) OF AGENDA)

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WAS DEBATED AT 12TH CONSULTATION OF GENEVA GROUP MORNING AND

AFTERNOON OF FEB 5 WITH UK CO-CHAIRMAN (WEIR) PRESIDING AND ALL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING. ASST. SEC. BUFFUM ELABORATED ON MAIN POINTS COVERED IN US PAPER DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS OPENING DAY (REF B). GROUP UNANIMOUSLY THANKED US REP FOR EXPOSING HIS VIEWS ON SUBJECT.; AGREED ISSUE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO ALL MEMBERS, BUT CONCLUDED THAT IN FUTURE GENEVA GROUP SHOULD NOT BE FORUM FOR CONSIDERATION OF POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

2. CANADIAN SUGGESTED THAT BROADER AD HOC CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED IN GENEVA TO DISCUSS POLITICAL ISSUES AT UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; FRENCH SAID IF COMMITTEE WERE FORMED IT SHOULD CONVENE IN NEW YORK, NOT GENEVA, AS NEW YORK CENTER OF UN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS, FRG FELT THAT SUCH COMMITTEE SHOULD INCLUDE DENMARK, IRELAND AND LUXEMBOURG AS WELL AS GG MEMBERS. BELGIAN SUGGESTED THAT WE/O GROUP MIGHT BE FORMED IN GENEVA FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING POLITICAL ISSUES.

3. UK RECOGNIZED THAT US STRESSED THAT US AIM WAS NOT CONFRONTATION WITH LDCS. MOST MEMBERS AGREED WITH US SUGGESTION A (PROMOTING LDC INTEREST IN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES), B (STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH SECRETARIES) AND D (BROADER CONSULTATIONS AMONG GG); BUT DISAGREED WITH SUGGESTION C (REVIEW OF CHARTERS OF SAS AND THEIR PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES). ALL AGREED THAT MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO UNGA.

4. GROUP UNABLE TO REACH CONSENSUS ON STEPS TO TAKE TO FOLLOW UP ON DISCUSSION OTHER THAN TO CONTINUE BILATERAL CONTACTS. US MISSIONS AT SEATS OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH THEIR GG COLLEAGUES ON POLITICAL ISSUES ARISING IN THESE AGENCIES.DALE

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